Sub: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

Sir,

As a parent of public school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Reasons for Opposition:

- We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here.
- Some studies have shown that small schools demonstrate higher achievement levels among students.
- It's easier to develop more meaningful connections among staff, students and parents in small schools.
- None of these bills did not talk anything about quality of education.
- Think about the transportation of those students going from one place to another, kids may now be on a bus going to a school not in their area, not in their town, and not in their neighborhood for an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening. The costs of that are astounding.

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